

## **VI. Assessment of Program Effectiveness**

The City of San Gabriel is committed to building a sustainable city and protecting the natural environment. To that end, the City will continue to implement most aspects of the 2001 MS4 permit and strive to remain in compliance with the permit despite significantly strained budgets, limited staffing and numerous competing demands for municipal resources.

The City is bringing together multiple departments to work closely together on the various aspects of the permit. In the past year, Engineering has initiated regular coordination meetings with Neighborhood Improvement Services, Public Works, Fire and Planning on water quality issues such as spill response, education and outreach, land development and construction inspections.

In the coming year, with the anticipated adoption of the next MS4 permit, there will be an even greater need for these meetings to become familiar with and begin to implement changes. In addition, more training and an improved tracking system will be required. The City will attempt to allocate additional resources to these efforts—however, we anticipate there will be several aspects of the new permit that simply can't be implemented according to the aggressive schedule proposed by the Regional Board.

The City will continue to participate in the Coordinated Monitoring Program led by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments in order to more accurately determine metals loading for the Los Angeles River watershed. The Regional Board should use SWAMP funds collected from permittees to conduct monitoring such as this and not place unnecessary financial burdens on cities.

The City has distributed educational information including a variety of BMP flyers for businesses and "Stormwater Dos and Don'ts" for residences. This information is handed out at numerous events, is available at a kiosk in City Hall, and is posted on the Engineering website. This information is also presented regularly on the City's cable access channel.

Several times per year, the City runs storm water quality related articles in the weekly newsletter and quarterly newspaper that reaches thousands of area residents and businesses.

The City cleans all catch basins prior to the start of the wet season. City Public Works forces as well as contracted Los Angeles County PW crews are used to accomplish this work.

The City continues to install structural BMPs (screens and inserts) at city-owned catch basins. An additional six devices will be installed prior to the rainy season this year. More screens will be installed each year, as funds are available.

The City of San Gabriel residents, businesses, and staff support the goals of the Clean Water Act and the NPDES municipal permitting program. The significant lack of financial and staff resources pose the greatest challenge to implementing the MS4 program to its fullest. Potential legal actions by third parties present an added threat to these resources. The City looks forward to reaching agreement on practical regulation in the upcoming MS4 permit that will provide cost-effective benefits for the region.